

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON TAXATION**

**Call to Order:** Chair Jeff Essmann, on January 12, 2017 at 8:00 AM, in Room 152  
Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

##### **Members Present:**

Rep. Jeff Essmann, Chair (R)  
Rep. Kelly Flynn, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Tom Jacobson, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Kim Abbott (D)  
Rep. Becky Beard (R)  
Rep. Dave Fern (D)  
Rep. Wylie Galt (R)  
Rep. Jim Hamilton (D)  
Rep. Adam Hertz (R)  
Rep. Greg Hertz (R)  
Rep. George G. Kipp III (D)  
Rep. Steve Lavin (R)  
Rep. James O'Hara (R)  
Rep. Alan Redfield (R)  
Rep. Bridget Smith (D)  
Rep. Tom Welch (R)  
Rep. Kerry White (R)

##### **Members Excused:**

Rep. Z. Brown  
Rep. Dunwell  
Rep. Ehli

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Margot Miltenberger, Committee Secretary  
Megan Moore, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

##### **Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 74, 1/6/2017; HB 76, 1/6/2017; HB 18, 1/6/2017

**HEARING ON HB 74**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:03:46 Rep. Greg Hertz (R), HD 12, opened the hearing on HB 74, Revise property reappraisal laws.

**Proponents:**

00:05:23 Cynthia Monteau Moore, Department of Revenue (DOR)

**Opponents:** None

**Informational Witnesses:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:06:35 Rep. White

00:07:05 Cynthia Monteau Moore, DOR

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:07:35 Rep. G. Hertz

**HEARING ON HB 76**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:08:08 Rep. Greg Hertz (R), HD 12, opened the hearing on HB 76, Amend laws related to remittance of tax increment.

**Proponents:**

00:09:51 Tim Burton, Montana League of Cities and Towns (MLCT)

00:11:16 Ronda Wiggers, Montana County Treasurers Association

00:12:04 Harold Blattie, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

00:12:33 Robert Story, Montana Taxpayers Association

**Opponents:** None

**Informational Witnesses:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:13:05 Rep. Hamilton

00:13:30 Rep. G. Hertz

00:13:46 Megan Moore, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

00:14:08 Rep. Hamilton

00:14:23 Megan Moore, LSD

00:14:43 Rep. Beard

00:15:01 Rep. G. Hertz

00:15:18 Rep. A. Hertz

00:15:28 Chair Essmann

00:16:25 Tim Burton, MLCT

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:16:57 Rep. G. Hertz

**HEARING ON HB 18**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:18:12 Rep. Tom Jacobson (D), HD 21, opened the hearing on HB 18, Revise tax lien and tax deed laws.

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**Proponents:**

00:25:45 Laura Obert, Broadwater County

00:27:26 Ronda Wiggers, Montana County Treasurers Association

00:41:19 Harold Blattie, Montana Association of Counties, (MACo)

00:46:50 William Gowen, Montana Land Title Association

00:47:36 Bob Gilbert, Rosebud County

[\*\*EXHIBIT\(tah09a03\)\*\*](#)

00:49:25 Matt Pepos, Self

**Opponents:** None

**Informational Witnesses:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:03:01 Rep. White

01:04:34 Ronda Wiggers, Montana County Treasurers Association

01:06:07 Rep. White

01:06:22 Ronda Wiggers, Montana County Treasurers Association

01:06:36 Rep. Beard

01:07:18 Ronda Wiggers, Montana County Treasurers Association

01:08:41 Rep. Fern

01:09:17 Ronda Wiggers, Montana County Treasurers Association

01:10:06 Rep. A. Hertz

01:10:51 Rep. Jacobson

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:12:44 Rep. Jacobson

**Committee Business:**

01:14:27 Chair Essmann

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 01:16:14

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Margot Miltenberger, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([tah09aad.pdf](#))